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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 8 beginning on line 11:

The accelerating agent may also be selected from acylthioureas, thiocarboxylic acid amides, thiocarbamates, thiosemicarbazones, thiohydantoin, mixtures thereof, and the like in a concentration range from about 2  $\mu\text{mole/liter}$  to about 500  $\mu\text{mole/liter}$ , preferably from about 5  $\mu\text{mole/liter}$  to about 250  $\mu\text{mole/liter}$ . The accelerating agent may comprise (O-Ethylthiocarbonato)-S-(3-sulfopropyl)-ester, potassium salt.

Please amend the paragraph on page 9 beginning on line 1:

The suppressing agent may also be, an aromatic compound such as alkoxyated beta-naphthol, alkyl naphthalene sulphonate, combinations, and the like. In one embodiment, the suppressing agent is selected from a polyether, a polyethylene, a naphthol, a sulphonate, a polyamine, a polyimid, and mixtures thereof. In another embodiment, the suppressing agent comprises a beta-naphthol having the structure:



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wherein n may be equal to 1 and wherein m may be equal to 1, and wherein the molecular weight is in the range from about 800 to about 1,500. The suppressing agent may also be ~~polyethynene~~ polyethylene oxide.

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Applicants submit that this amendment does not alter the allowed status of the application. Applicant is amending the specification to bring it in line with the parent application, (U.S. Patent No. 6,491,806) that was likewise amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestions. If the examiner disagrees or believes that further discussion will expedite prosecution of this case, he is invited to contact Heather M. Molleur at (408) 720-8300

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